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Embassy shared reftel points with MFA Subdirector General for Middle East Affairs Alberto Moreno on December 13. Moreno expressed appreciation for the points, but was non-committal as to whether Spain would issue a statement on the Iraq elections. The MFA did move forward, releasing a December 16 press communique congratulating the Iraqi people on the elections and reconfirming Spain's commitment to assist in the reconstruction of Iraq. An informal translation of the MFA statement follows:

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The Spanish government expresses its satisfaction regarding the celebration of general elections in Iraq, and congratulates the Iraqi people for the high participation in an election that has taken place in a relatively calm climate. The Spanish Government also trusts that (the elections) will redound in the form of greater legitimacy and representation on the part of the Assembly and Government that will result from the electoral process.

The Spanish government hopes that this election, a key element of the Iraqi political transition laid out in UNSC Resolution 1546, consolidates the base of a sovereign, safe, united, prosperous, and democratic Iraq, at peace with its neighbors.

These elections constitute an important step in the Iraqi's progressive assumption of all elements of national sovereignty, including the maintenance of security and public order in the country.

The Spanish Government reiterates its commitment to Iraq's democratization, reconstruction, stability and territorial integrity.

End Text.
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